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FOR THE SECRETARY AND LORD FROM EA - PHILIP C. HABIB

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1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS SINCE YOU APPROVED OUR RECOMMENDATION (REFTELS) THAT WE ENCOURAGE THE MAYORS TO STAND FIRM IN OPPOSING THE PRC EFFORT TO EXCLUDE THE MAYOR OF SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO FROM THE US MAYORS GROUP SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE PRC SEPT. 15-29.

2. ON AUGUST 23 MAYOR ALIOTO OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE DELEGATION LEADER, SENT A PERSONAL TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR HUANG CHEN URGING HIM TO RECONSIDER THE PRC POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE "INCONVENIENT" FOR THE PRC TO RECEIVE MAYOR ROMERO-BARCELO. ALIOTO NOTED THAT MAYOR ROMERO-BARCELO, AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, WAS NOT ONLY
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DEPUTY LEADER BUT ALSO A VALUED MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MATTER COULD BE RESOLVED BEFORE AMBASSADOR HUANG'S RECEPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 27 MARKING THE CLOSE OF THE PRC ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION.

3. SINCE MAYOR ALIOTO'S SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT HIM TO ATTEND AMBASSADOR HUANG'S RECEPTION, THE MAYOR ARRANGED TO BE AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET HUANG ON HIS ARRIVAL IN SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 26 IN ORDER TO SPEAK TO HIM PERSONALLY ON THIS MATTER. MAYOR ALIOTO'S OFFICE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS THAT THIS MEETING TOOK PLACE IN A CORDIAL AND AFFABLE ATMOSPHERE AND THAT HUANG TOLD ALIOTO HE WOULD TAKE UP THE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN PEKING AND WOULD HAVE A RESPONSE BY THE FIRST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER. IN VIEW OF THE POSITION TAKEN BY HUANG, ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON, WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT AT HUANG'S RECEPTION, WILL NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN RAISING THE MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR HUANG. SHOULD HUANG REFER TO THE ISSUE, RICHARDSON WILL SUPPORT THE MAYOR'S POSITION.

4. IF THERE IS TO BE A BREAK IN THIS SITUATION, IT MAY TAKE THE FORM OF THE CHINESE AGREEING TO RECEIVE MAYOR ROMERO-BARCELO IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES RATHER THAN AS MAYOR OF SAN JUAN. I SHALL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. INGERSOLL

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